

Green Mountain Book Award Master List 2013-2014

This is the ninth year of the Green Mountain Book Award, a reader's choice award for students in grades 9-12. Co-sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries and the Vermont School Library Association, this program is designed to introduce to high school students some excellent books for their pleasure reading.

These books, to be read during the 2013-2014 school year, comprise the master list for the award to be made in 2014. Voting forms will be made available to all Vermont schools and public libraries in the spring so that young adults can vote for their favorite book. The master list titles have been selected to satisfy the reading interests of teens in grades 9-12, and include both adult and young adult books. All books on the list were first published in 2008-2012.

Andrews, Jesse. *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl*. Amulet, 2012. \$16.95. ISBN 978-1-4197-0176-4.

Seventeen-year-old Greg has managed to become part of every social group at his Pittsburgh high school without having any friends, but his life changes when his mother forces him to befriend Rachel, a girl he once knew in Hebrew school who has leukemia.

Blake, Kendare. *Anna Dressed in Blood*. Tor Teen, 2012. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0-7653-2867-0 (pap.); Tor Teen, 2011. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-7653-2865-6.

For three years, seventeen-year-old Cas Lowood has carried on his father's work of dispatching the murderous dead, traveling with his kitchen-witch mother and their spirit-sniffing cat, but everything changes when he meets Anna, a girl unlike any ghost he has faced before.

Bray, Libba. *Beauty Queens*. Scholastic, 2012. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0-4398-9598-9 (pap.); Scholastic Press, 2011. \$18.99. ISBN 978-0-4398-9597-2.

When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island's other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition.

Green, John. *The Fault in Our Stars*. Dutton, 2012. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-5254-7881-2.

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.

Hartman, Rachel. *Serphina*. Random, 2012. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-3758-6656-2.

In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals, while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents.

Johnson, Maureen. *The Name of the Star*. Speak, 2012. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0-1424-2205-2 (pap.); Putnam, 2011. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-3992-5660-8.

Rory, of B nouville, Louisiana, is spending a year at a London boarding school when she witnesses a murder by a Jack the Ripper copycat and becomes involved with the very unusual investigation.

Lyga, Barry. *I Hunt Killers*. Little, Brown, 2013. \$8.99. ISBN 978-0-3161-2583-3 (pap.); Little, Brown, 2012. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-3161-2584-0.

Seventeen-year-old Jazz learned all about being a serial killer from his notorious "Dear Old Dad," but believes he has a conscience that will help fight his own urges and right some of his father's wrongs, so he secretly helps the police apprehend the town's newest murderer, "The Impressionist."

McBride, Lish. *Hold Me Closer, Necromancer*. Square Fish, 2012. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0-3126-7437-3 (pap.); Holt, 2010. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-8050-9098-7.

Sam LaCroix, a Seattle fast-food worker and college dropout, discovers that he is a necromancer, part of a world of harbingers, werewolves, satyrs, and one particular necromancer who sees Sam as a threat to his lucrative business of raising the dead.

Morgenstern, Erin. *Night Circus*. Anchor, 2012. \$15.00. ISBN 978-0-3077-4443-2 (pap.); Knopf, 2011. \$26.95. ISBN 978-0-3855-3463-5.

Waging a fierce competition for which they have trained since childhood, circus magicians Celia and Marco unexpectedly fall in love with each other and share a fantastical romance that manifests in fateful ways.

Ness, Patrick. *A Monster Calls*. Candlewick, 2013. \$8.99. ISBN 978-0-7636-6065-9 (pap.); Candlewick, 2011. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-7636-5559-4.

Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill--an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

Oppel, Kenneth. *This Dark Endeavor*. S & S, 2012. \$9.99. ISBN 978-1-4424-0316-1 (pap.); S & S, 2011. \$17.99. ISBN 978-1-4424-0315-4.

When his twin brother falls ill in the family's chateau in the independent republic of Geneva in the eighteenth century, sixteen-year-old Victor Frankenstein embarks on a dangerous and uncertain quest to create the forbidden Elixir of Life described in an ancient text in the family's secret Bibliotheka Obscura.

Riggs, Ransom. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. Quirk Books, 2011. \$17.99. ISBN 978-1-5947-4476-1.

A horrific family tragedy sends sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of an old orphanage that was home to children who were more than just peculiar, but possibly dangerous--and who may still be alive. Illustrated with vintage found photographs.

Schrefer, Eliot. *The School for Dangerous Girls*. Scholastic, 2010. \$8.99. ISBN 978-0-5450-3529-3 (pap.); Scholastic Press, 2009. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-5450-3528-6.

Sent to a remote, run-down reform school in Colorado, fifteen-year-old Angela is placed with the better girls, but upon learning that her "dangerous" friends are being isolated and left to live as animals, she takes radical steps to join them and help them escape.

Stiefvater, Maggie. *Scorpio Races*. Scholastic, 2013. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0-5452-2491-8 (pap.); Scholastic Press, 2011. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0-5452-2490-1.

Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.

Wein, Elizabeth. *Code Name Verity*. Hyperion, 2012. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1-4231-5219-4.

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

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